

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A method for operating a communication system having a plurality of communication devices, a plurality of communication terminals and a communication network connecting the communication terminals to the communication devices, the method comprising:

storing a first address in each communication terminal for a connection to a respective home communication device;

storing a second address in each communication terminal for a connection to an alternate communication device;

storing in the alternate communication device a standardized terminal profile; and  
adapting the standardized terminal profile to a particular communication terminal, through the second address, such that the particular communication terminal can connect to the alternate communication device.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein when initiating a connection between the particular communication terminal and the alternate communication device, terminal relevant data for the particular communication terminal is sent to the alternate communication device, the terminal relevant data comprising:

a call number assigned by the home communication device to the particular communication terminal,

address information assigned to the particular communication terminal in the communication network, and

asylum information to adapt the standardized terminal profile.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the terminal relevant data is sent by the particular communication terminal.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
the standardized terminal profile manages a plurality of restricted call numbers that can be assigned to the communication terminals .

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein  
when the standardized terminal profile is adapted to the particular communication terminal, through the second address, a temporary call number is assigned to the particular

communication terminal by the alternate communication device for the duration of the connection.

6. The method according to claim 5, wherein  
for a connection initialized by the particular communication terminal, a home call number used for communication between the home communication device and the particular communication terminal is transmitted to the alternate communication device by the particular communication terminal, and

the home call number is used instead of the temporary allocated call number.

7. The method according to claim 5, wherein  
for a VIP subscriber assigned to a communication terminal, a call number of the alternate communication device is also assigned to the VIP subscriber for the duration of the connection.

8. The method according to claim 5, wherein  
during a connection setup with the particular communication terminal, a call is diverted from the home communication device to the alternate communication device.

9. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
the standardized terminal profile manages authorizations that can be assigned to a communication terminal.

10. The method according to claim 9, wherein  
different authorizations can be assigned to different subscribers assigned to the communication terminal.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein  
different standardized terminal profiles are stored in different communication devices .

12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the standardized terminal profile is stored in the alternate communication device together with terminal specific data.

13. The method according to claim 3, wherein

the standardized terminal profile manages a plurality of restricted call numbers that can be assigned to the communication terminals .

14. The method according to claim 13, wherein  
when the standardized terminal profile is adapted to the particular communication terminal, through the second address, a temporary call number is assigned to the particular communication terminal by the alternate communication device for the duration of the connection.

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein  
for a connection initialized by the particular communication terminal, a home call number used for communication between the home communication device and the particular communication terminal is transmitted to the alternate communication device by the particular communication terminal, and  
the home call number is used instead of the temporary allocated call number.

16. The method according to claim 14, wherein  
for a VIP subscriber assigned to a communication terminal, a call number of the alternate communication device is also assigned to the VIP subscriber for the duration of the connection.

17. The method according to claim 16, wherein  
during a connection setup with the particular communication terminal, a call is diverted from the home communication device to the alternate communication device.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein  
the standardized terminal profile manages authorizations that can be assigned to a communication terminal.

19. The method according to claim 18, wherein  
different authorizations can be assigned to different subscribers assigned to the communication terminal.

20. A communication system, comprising:

a plurality of communication devices;  
a plurality of communication terminals;  
a communication network connecting the communication terminals to the communication devices;  
a memory device arranged in each of the communication terminals to store:  
    a first address for a connection to a home communication device assigned to the communication terminal; and  
    a second address for a connection to an alternate communication device; and  
at least one standardized terminal profile included in terminal-relevant data in the alternate communication device, the standard terminal profile being assignable to different communication terminals through the second address.

21. The communication system according to claim 20, wherein the communication network is an IP-based computer network, and the communication terminals are IP-enabled terminals.